Title: Need to re-open the Railway Station at Kavalkinaru, Tirunelveli district, Tamil Nadu-laid.

SHRI S.S. RAMASUBBU (TIRUNELVELI): Kavalkinaru, Radhapuram Taluk of Tirunelveli, District, Tamil Nadu is situated on Tirunelveii - Kanyakumari National Highway which comes under Trivandrum Division of Southern Railway. It is famous for Flower Market. Banana plantation is also prominent here. Huge quantities of agricultural produce and flowers are produce here and exported to various parts of the country. ISRO Research Centre and a famous Church are also located here. A good number of engineering colleges and other educational institutions and Koodunkulam Nuclear Power Plant are also located here.

However, Kavalkinaru is not served with rail facilities. Due to absence of a railway station, the traffic meant for railways are diverted to roadways and the goods produced from here are transported by road. The students, businessmen and other general public from here and neighbouring villages viz. Vadakkkankulam, Valliyur, etc. are facing a lot of difficulties as they have to depend solely on the roadways and they come here to board buses for longer distances like Chennai, Tiruchi, Coimbatore, Madurai and Tirunelveli and on their return, they get down here to reach their native places. In this connection, various institutions, and general public have submitted memorandum to the Ministry of Railways for re-opening the Railway Station at Kavalkinaru, Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu. If the Kavaikinaru railway station is reopened, they need not go to Nagercoil, Kanyakumari or Tirunelveii to reach their destinations as they do now.

I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister for Railways to take necessary steps to re-open the Railway Station at Kavalkinaru, Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu at the earliest.